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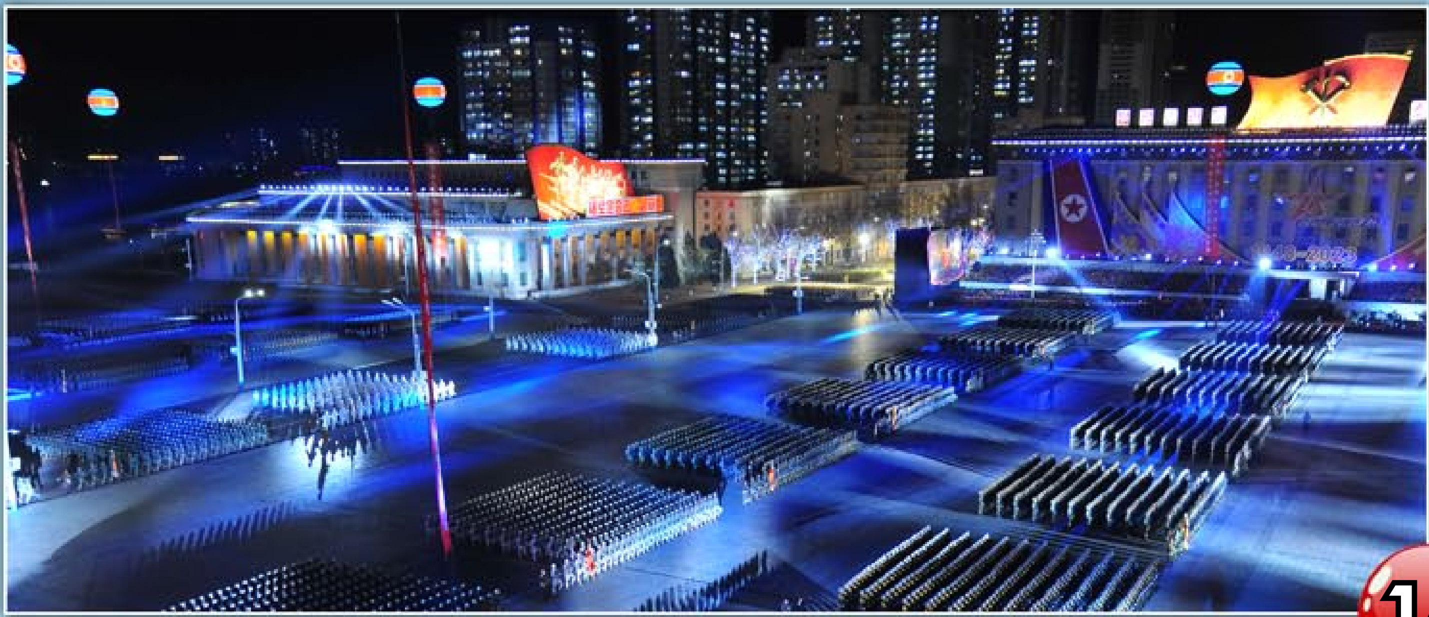




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Fourth Enlarged Meeting of Eighth WPK Central Military Commission Held



The Fourth Enlarged Meeting of the Eighth Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea took place at the office building of the Central Committee of the WPK on February 6.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, guided the enlarged meeting.

Present there were vice-chairmen Ri Pyong Chol and Ri Yong Gil and members of the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

Attending it as observers were commanders of the KPA services, commanding officers of its corps and major units, commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and other armed forces organs, leading officials in the defence science research field and cadres of the Department of the Munitions Industry and other relevant departments of the WPK Central Committee.

The enlarged meeting discussed in depth the major military and political tasks for 2023 and the long-term issues concerning the orientation for army building.

It studied and discussed a series of practical tasks for bringing about a great change in the military and political work, and then adopted relevant decisions.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un expressed expectation and belief that the whole armed forces of the DPRK would perform ever-victorious feats in strenuously upholding and vigorously carrying out with the matchless military strength the Party's enormous tasks for further consolidating the historic victories won by the Korean people in the grand course of accomplishing the socialist cause and for opening up a new chapter of development in the history of socialist construction of Juche, bearing in mind the sacred mission and important duty they assume before the Party and the revolution, the country and the people.

The KPA commanding officers and all the participants hardened their resolve to fulfil their important obligations in implementing the Party's military policy, looking up to Kim Jong Un who convened the enlarged meeting on the historic 60th anniversary of the slogan "A-match-for-a-hundred" set forth by President Kim Il Sung, in order to provide an important milestone for building a powerful army and clarify the orientation for the revolutionary military and political activities of the DPRK armed forces.

Kim Jong Un Visits Lodging Quarters of KPA Generals and Attends Banquet in Celebration of Army Day



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, paid a congratulatory visit to the lodging quarters of generals of the Korean People's Army on February 7 on the occasion of the 75th birthday of the KPA.

When he arrived at the lodging quarters together with his daughter, commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and military and political commanding officers of the KPA large combined units and combined units greeted with the warmest reverence the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

A banquet in celebration of the 75th KPA birthday was given in the presence of Kim Jong Un.

Invited to it were commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, military and political commanding officers of the KPA large combined units and combined units and other generals.

Present there were senior Party and government officials including members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

When Kim Jong Un entered the banquet hall, all the participants enthusiastically cheered.

Kim Jong Un made a meaningful speech for all the service personnel of the KPA greeting the Army Day.

He reviewed the proud history of the KPA which has recorded the glorious tradition, brilliant victory and shining epic of honour since the day when it was founded, and extended noble tribute and warm congratulations to all the officers and men of the DPRK armed forces who have defended the strong breathing of the ever-victorious Korean revolution with matchless military muscle and costly sacrifice and upheld the invincibility and mightiness of our state.


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He expressed belief that the KPA, the armed forces of the WPK and the vanguard of the class, would brilliantly defend the dignity and greatness of the powerful country and people with the irresistible strength peculiar to it by invariably inheriting the red soul, the noble mission, the staunch revolutionary spirit and the fighting spirit of death-defying resistance cherished by the first generation of the revolution with arms.

Upon hearing his passionate speech, the KPA generals raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" in reflection of their pledge of faith to firmly carry forward the sacred traditions peculiar to the KPA.

Displayed at the banquet hall were impressive scenes showing the ties of kindred between the great brilliant commander and the backbones of the invincible powerful army who share the intention, feelings and fate on the road of bolstering up the military capabilities for the dignity and future of the country and the people.







Kim Jong Un Delivers Speech at Banquet for Celebrating KPA Anniversary

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, made a speech at a banquet for celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army on February 7.

Comrade generals, commanding officers of the heroic Korean People's Army present in this significant place,

Today is the 75th birthday of our army.

At this moment when I recollect the proud history of the KPA, which has written an epic of glorious tradition, brilliant victory and honour in the long course of struggle spanning 27 395 days since the day when its birth was welcomed with cheers, I remember the unforgettable names and images of the service personnel of the preceding generations who devoted themselves to defending the vigorous advance of the ever-victorious Korean revolution and boosting the invincibility and mightiness of our state.

I also remember the images of all the service personnel of the KPA firmly standing on the front-line, border and other posts and socialist construction sites to defend the eternal prosperity of the motherland and the well-being and happiness of the people even at this moment of glory this evening.

Upon authorization by our Party and government, I pay high tribute to the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners who provided the origin of the tradition of victory immortal in the history of the hard-fought struggle of the revolutionary armed forces, and to the fallen soldiers of the People's Army, the respected veterans and the army commanding officers of the preceding generations who passed away.

I also extend warm congratulations to all the officers and men of the KPA and the armed forces of the DPRK through you, commanding officers and generals at all levels present here.

My best wishes and heartfelt thanks also go to all the people including officers' wives who have absolutely supported and encouraged our Party's line of building a powerful army and its defence policy, sent their beloved husbands and children to the posts of national defence and devoted themselves to strengthening the defence capabilities of the country.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that such a heroic and patriotic army remaining faithful to its cause as the KPA can be found nowhere else in the world and everybody knows its devotion to defending the Korean revolution without any vacillation despite the harsh challenges, and hoped that the officers and men of the KPA, who have always gone to the trouble of overcoming hardships, would celebrate their holiday deservedly, proudly, honourably and significantly amid the blessings of all the people today, the day of army founding, even though it is one day.

He further said:

Comrade generals and officers and men of the People's Army,

What force drives the unprecedentedly arduous Korean revolution, what makes our state invincible and how will our ideal and future be shaped?

The most veritable answer to this and the fairest appreciation by history are found in the 75-year history of our army.

The more we look back on how our revolutionary cause has been defended, how our Party's ideas and lines have



been safeguarded and how our national flag has fluttered at the peak of honour in the turbulent history, the more we value the precious blood shed by our army officers and men for victory and their countless feats.

In the initial period after its founding, our army made clear its inherent mission of sharing the destiny with the Party and started a long bloody journey to remain faithful to it. This constituted a key factor that made our history of army building be the one that can never be separated from the history of struggle of the Party, the revolution, the country and the people, and enabled its 75-year history to be recorded in the grandest way.

A history of righteous strength was made on this land, proving through a hard-won victory the truth that the dignity and honour are only given to the strong and the validity of the revolutionary cause is verified only through victory, and independence and self-sufficiency are only guaranteed by self-reliance in defence.

The army of the Party, the army of the people, the army of the government and the army of the class which defends and realizes everything the dearest and most urgent to our destiny and future, and the army that shoulders hardships before anyone else and is ready to make sacrifices—these are the precious names that our People's Army has won at the cost of blood and lives and that should be maintained from one century to the next and from one generation to the next.

What we value more than anything else and are fully proud of today is the fact that the baton of the revolutionary army of the Party, the history and tradition of loyalty, has been steadily carried forward.

Even under the present harsh circumstances, our army is demonstrating its inexhaustible strength as the armed forces of the Workers' Party of Korea and the vanguard of the class. This is from A to Z attributable to the fact that the red soul, the noble mission, the staunch revolutionary spirit and the fighting spirit of death-defying resistance the first generation of the revolutionary armed forces charged in their weapons have remained unchanged even today when its fifth and sixth generations have appeared.

The highest honour of the 75-year history of our People's Army lies in the great succession, which continues staunchly and vigorously despite the passage of time and the storms of history.

I am quite sure that though commanding officers and soldiers of the new generation, forming the main force of our revolutionary armed forces, have experienced neither a grim revolutionary war nor a difficult period of the revolution, they have inherited the absolute loyalty peculiar to our People's Army and the characteristic features of the preceding generations, who shed blood and sweat and sacrifice themselves without hesitation, if the revolution calls for it.

Our servicepersons have fought vigorously not only in the frontline combat positions where they confront the enemy directly but also in all parts of the country where legendary victories and miracles are made and the red military colours associated with their loyalty and patriotic traditions are fluttering.

Whenever I see our service personnel fighting unyieldingly with the might of the will surpassing their mental and physical limitations in the theatres of defending the national sovereignty and the people and epoch-making creation, I cannot but make a bow to them.

As our army cherishes a noble view of life that there is only honour on the road of sharing the destiny with the Party and carrying out its orders, I have thought of our army when the situation of the country is difficult and entrusted it with greater tasks of struggle, and our army has never hesitated to respond to the Party's call.

When I am determined to share the destiny with our army, feeling the greatest honour of being the Supreme Commander who leads such a laudable army, I feel the greatest delight.

Lots of changes have been made and the appearance of our army has changed beyond recognition for a long period since its early days, but the looks of our faithful army, which always stands firmly in the van of the revolution, come rain or shine, and shoulders the heavy burden that no one can dare to do, remain unchanged.

Its succeeding as well as its pioneering were so great that our army was able to win the fulfilling call of the times and history as the strongest army in the world.

Kim Jong Un said that our army's gallant, dignified, strong and resolute looks are a trait peculiar to it based on the extraordinary pride and strong self-respect that its life is devoted to the greatest sacred cause and its arms serve the most righteous cause in the world, and the display of an irresistible might unique to our army that comes from the unusual sense of responsibility and superhuman will that it can neither be broken nor fall until it has fulfilled the duty entrusted by the Party Central Committee.

Noting that the appearance of our state growing more powerful and stronger in the face of hardships and ordeals is a mirror of the fighting army and the names of the heroic service personnel shine along with the peak of the dignity of our people, he said with pride. He continued: There are hundreds of countries and not a few armies boasting of their long history and traditions in the world, but it is only the KPA that shares life and death with the Party, the country and the people, adds to their prestige and greatness and defends their high honour and rosy future in the whole course of its development.

He declared that the DPRK has finally cultivated a great and absolute strength, overcoming indescribable pains and sufferings for the sake of the eternal peace, genuine prosperity and development on this land and for the good of the coming generations.

He said that the KPA should brave trials as always, holding higher the slogans "Let the People's Army take charge of both national defence and socialist construction!" and "When the Party is determined, we can do anything!"

He went on to say:

I never doubt that you will be as brave as always, dedicating your lives to the eternal prosperity of the country and the wellbeing of the people, true to the letters written on the glorious military colours.

Affirming that I will always share life and death, weal and woe with you, I entrust you and our People's Army with the forefront of the revolution.

I wish all of you good health and hope that you will become commanding officers making selfless and devoted efforts for the good of our soldiers.

I entrust you with our officers and men.

Let us all redouble efforts and work harder to strengthen and develop our army and to achieve the prosperity and development of our socialist country.

I hope, with my hand on my heart, that the wellbeing of the people and the peace of the country will be promoted in proportion to the efforts made by the KPA.

I would like to propose a toast to the health of army generals present here and to the health of the officers and men of the entire army, to the glory of the KPA and to the eternity of its great honour.

Long live the Korean People's Army, an ever-victorious heroic army!



Grand Military Parade Marks KPA's 75th Anniversary



A grand military parade was held at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, on February 8 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Korean People's Army, the revolutionary armed forces of the Workers' Party of Korea.

At the square and main roads leading to it, there were units of all services and arms and ultra-modern military hardware of the mighty revolutionary armed forces.

Paratroopers performed collective paragliding of high degrees of difficulty, set off beautiful fireworks in the night sky and dropped flying flags of the DPRK and the WPK.

Then followed a ceremony of a combined military band playing the revolutionary army songs which resounded throughout the square.

The bandsmen showed a human five-point star, figures such as "2.8" and "75," the emblem of the Party and word "Kanggun" (strong army), symbolic of the history, tradition, supreme mission and invincibility of the KPA. And a KPA guard of honour gave a wonderful performance with arms.

Displaying the appearance of the revolutionary regular armed forces which have reliably defended the territory, waters and airspace of the country, parade units, with their glorious colours in front of them, entered the square to the tune of the orchestral music of the parade.



There was a ceremony of displaying the colours of KPA combined units.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, arrived at the square together with his beloved daughter and his wife Ri Sol Ju.

There was a solemn welcome ceremony of the KPA guard of honour.

Kim Jong Un reviewed the KPA guard of honour and the colours of major units of the armed forces of the DPRK.

He was saluted by the commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, commanders of large combined units and other KPA generals.

Kim Jong Un warmly encouraged the commanding officers who are demonstrating the militant spirit of the revolutionary army at the outposts of beefing up the military muscle and at every worksite for prosperity of the country and the people's happiness.

Amid the playing of welcome music, Kim Jong Un appeared at the tribune of honour of the parade square and warmly waved back to the enthusiastically cheering paraders and the audience.



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Paratroopers perform collective paragliding of high degrees of difficulty, flying flags of the DPRK and the WPK









He was presented with bouquets by Korean Children's Union members.

Taking the tribune were Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, Ri Pyong Chol, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Ri Yong Gil, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, and other leading officials of the armed forces organs and military and political commanding officers of KPA large combined units and combined units.

Together with the daughter of Kim Jong Un, Jo Yong Won, Presidium member of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, and Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong and Jon Hyon Chol, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, took the seats reserved for VIPs.

The reserved seats were also taken by the participants in the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the KPA and activists in displaying noble traits for assistance to the army who were invited as special delegates.

A ceremony of hoisting the DPRK's national flag was solemnly held.

The participants in the military parade, service personnel of the entire army and all the people of the DPRK paid the highest tribute to the national flag of Juche Korea associated with the noble life of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, founder and builders

of the WPK, state and army, and being flown high in the sky by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Amid the playing of the song "Glorious Motherland", a 21-gun salute was fired.

Then followed a review of the preparations for the parade.

Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, reported to Marshal Ri Pyong Chol, vice-chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission, that the military parade units lined up for the preparations for the parade.

Ri Pyong Chol inspected the parade units and courteously reported to Kim Jong Un that the military parade for celebrating the 75th anniversary of the KPA was ready.

At last, the grandiose military parade of the powerful revolutionary army which has added brilliance to the DPRK's ever-victorious history started.

The honorary cavalry column appeared at the square in the van of the parade, showing the true nature of the People's Army which has invariably and dynamically advanced along the road pioneered by the leader of the revolution and the history of uninterrupted succession of the guerrilla spirit.

The column, symbolic of the 7th Regiment during the anti-Japanese war which established the sacred tradition for steady continuation of the lifeline of the Juche revolution by creating the spirit of devotedly defending the leader, advanced with the first colours of the revolutionary armed forces bearing the letters "Anti-Japanese People's Guerrilla Army".

Photos showing the solemn images of the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners, who provided the victorious tradition to be recorded in the history of the revolutionary armed forces' struggle, were displayed in the van of the columns along with the colours.

A column, symbolic of the Bodyguard Company which devotedly safeguarded the Supreme Headquarters during the Fatherland Liberation War, entered the square with portraits of veteran revolutionaries from the company in its van.

The audience threw their eyes to those images of loyalists recorded in the history of army building, being convinced once again of the truth that the life of soldiers devoted to the most sacred revolutionary cause under the guidance of the great leader is everlasting in the memory of the Party, the country and the people despite the passage of time and replacement of generations.







The DPRK's flag, held by the guards of honour, proceeded to the flagstaff, surrounded by the colours of all the units participating in the parade and KPA combined units at all levels.

The columns, symbolic of the 1st national defence division, the 2nd light infantry division, the 3rd independent infantry brigade and the 4th infantry division recorded in the history of the great Fatherland Liberation War, also entered the square, displaying the spirit of the guards who defeated the nuclear-armed enemies with rifles and showing the portraits of their commanding officers who left a distinct trace in the history of the units and the history of the development of the revolutionary armed forces.

Following the symbolic columns which clearly showed the sacred tradition and succession of the Juche revolution, the columns of soldiers under the Guard Office of the Party Central Committee, the Guard Department of the State Affairs Commission, the Bodyguard Department and the Bodyguard Command proudly marched along the square.

The columns of army groups keeping the highest alert on the front line for defending the country took vigorous steps at the square, flying the flags of elite units with commanders in the van with their swords.





The national flag of glory associated with the militant spirit of the strongest revolutionary armed forces was hoisted gradually amid the playing of the DPRK national anthem.




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Columns, symbolic of the 7th Regiment during the anti-Japanese war, the Bodyguard Company during the Fatherland Liberation War, the 1st national defence division, the 2nd light infantry division, the 3rd independent infantry brigade and the 4th infantry division recorded in the history of the great Fatherland Liberation War, advance with the photos of the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners, who provided the victorious tradition to be recorded in the history of the revolutionary armed forces' struggle, veteran revolutionaries from the Bodyguard Company, and other commanding officers who left distinct traces in the history of the development of the revolutionary armed forces.










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Marching past the square were also the columns of the naval, air, strategic and special operation forces. They were filled with the fighting spirit to annihilate the enemies and bring victory when the Party Central Committee gives an order.

Kim Jong Un extended warm militant greetings to the guards who have devotedly defended the lineage of the Korean revolution and the ideology and cause of the Party, always and reliably standing at the forefront of the revolution and class under any circumstances.

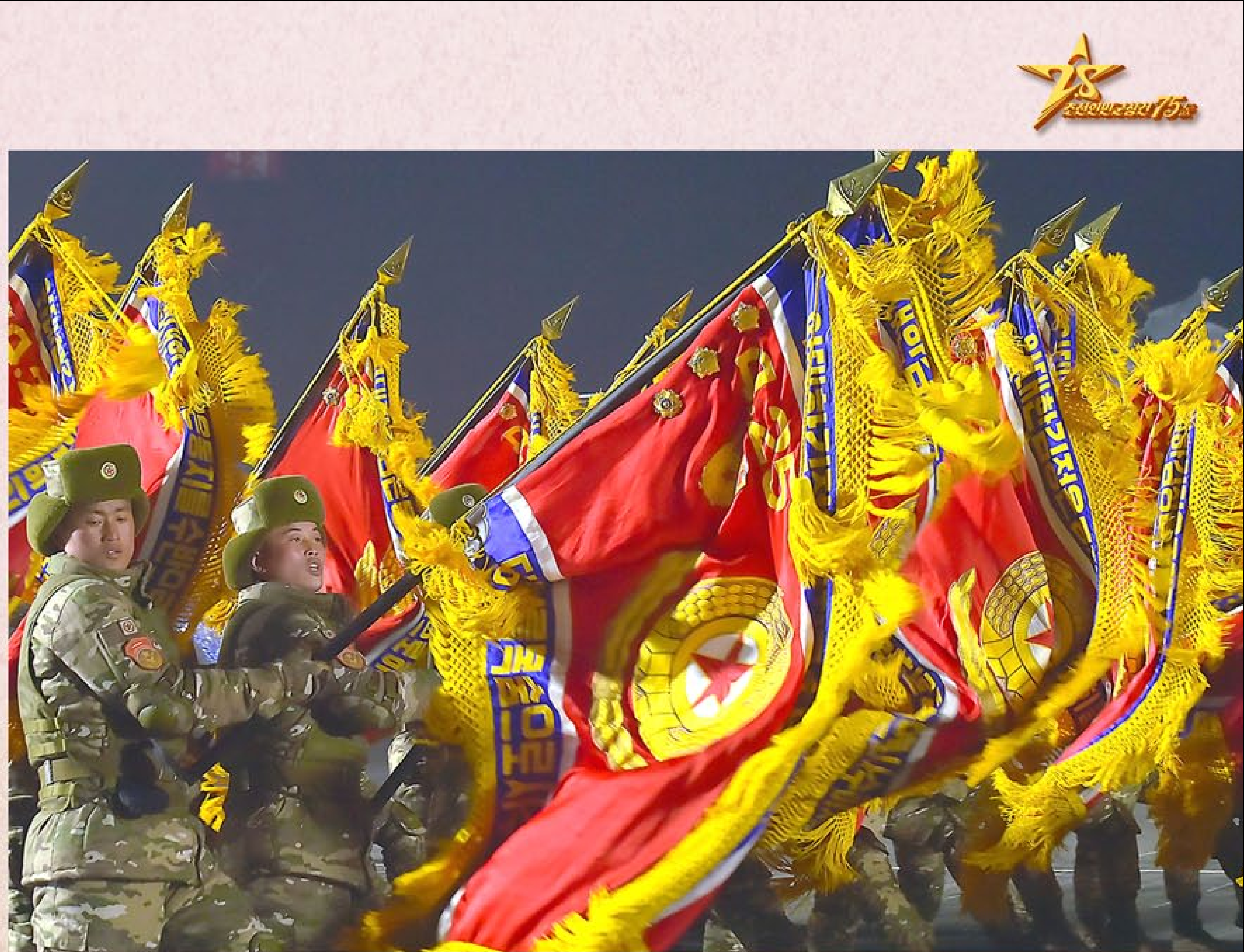
The columns of army corps defending the capital city of Pyongyang and the coasts, border line and depth of the rear in the country dynamically passed the square, followed by columns of tank and armoured vehicle division and mechanized infantry division, which are the iron striking groups to conquer the operational theatres at a go on the order of the Supreme Headquarters, the column of the general bureau of reconnaissance, and columns of specialist service personnel including the Command Intelligence Brigade 191.

When the column of the 1st mobile hospital entered the square, the audience extended warm congratulations to the combatants.

The columns of Kim Il Sung Military University, the highest institute of Juche-oriented military education, Kim Jong Il University of Military and Politics, the centre for training top-level military commanding officers, Kim Il Sung University of Politics, the pedigree establishment for training political officers, and other military schools at all levels marched past.








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Amid the playing of the eternal paean to the socialist country “We Are the Happiest in the World”, the students of revolutionary schools marched through the square decorating the end of the foot columns.

Kim Jong Un held high his hand to encourage the successors to the revolution marching with dignity, full of pledge to shoulder the rosy future of the revolutionary armed forces and the country by carrying forward the tradition of loyalty and patriotism handed down by the forerunners.

The flight parade of the Juche-based air force began in the nocturnal sky of the square for celebrating the Army Day.

Air squadrons, in formations depicting the five-pointed star and the number “75”, flew past the sky above the square while letting off fireworks to brighten the sky in February, representing the feats of the people’s air force which has defended the blue sky of the country and the history of the powerful army.






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The parade of columns of mechanized units started to show the history of self-reliant defence building of the WPK which led the untrodden path of army building to the broad avenue of building a world-level military power.

The columns of carriages carrying the heavy machine-guns and motorcycles, antitank artillery, direct-firing guns and tanks, symbolic of mechanized units in the period of the Fatherland Liberation War entered the square.

The columns of mechanized units were followed by main military hardware of the KPA, which displayed advanced, modern and strong nature of the DPRK's defence capabilities.

The columns of main battle tanks, artillery force, and tactical missiles and long-range cruise missiles rolled past the square.

The tactical nuclear weapons operation units entered the square, demonstrating their dignity, matchless spirit, powerful war deterrent and counterstrike ability.


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Air squadrons displaying such aeronautics as zooming













The columns of ICBMs appeared in the square, demonstrating the signal development of the military capability and tremendous nuclear strike capability of the DPRK.

When the military parade of the KPA was over, spectacular fireworks were displayed again over the nocturnal sky on Army Day.

Kim Jong Un warmly acknowledged the enthusiastic cheers of the audience.

The military parade in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the KPA was a great political event that demonstrated to the whole world the militant spirit of the a-match-for-a-hundred powerful revolutionary army advancing under the unfurled red flag of the WPK as the first colours under the leadership of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, the greatest brilliant commander, and the rosy future of the revolutionary cause of Juche.







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The columns of ICBMs

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The giant entities of the DPRK's strategic forces advance, demonstrating their dignity








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Kim Jong Un Has Photo Session with Commanding Officers and Soldiers of Units at All Levels Who Took Part in Military Parade for Celebrating KPA Anniversary







































Photo Session with Participants in Celebrations of KPA Anniversary



Photo Session with Activists in Traits of Assisting Army Who Are Invited to Celebrations of KPA Anniversary



Kim Jong Un Attends Ground-breaking Ceremony for 2023 Project to Build 10 000 Flats in Pyongyang



A ground-breaking ceremony for the 2023 project to build 10 000 flats in Pyongyang, the second-stage construction project in the Hwasong area, took place on February 15, greatly enhancing the Korean people's confidence in the inexhaustible power and rosy future of the state which writes a new history for the comprehensive rejuvenation and development under the uplifted banner of self-support and self-reliance.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

Present there were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, secretaries of the Party Central Committee, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, vice-premier of the Cabinet, officials of the ministries and national agencies, and officials and builders in Pyongyang.

Also there were officials of the armed forces organs.

When the ground-breaking ceremony was declared, the national anthem of the DPRK was played solemnly.

Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, made a speech.

Noting that the construction project of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang is an important item decided by the Eighth Congress of the WPK to build as soon as possible a socialist paradise where the people will enjoy the highly-civilized life to their heart's content, and the first target of the basic tasks planned and propelled by the Party, he referred to the importance and significance of the construction of 10 000 flats in Pyongyang to be carried out this year.

He said that the General Secretary clearly indicated the orientation and











ways for carrying out the grand plan to bring the substantial and fundamental change to the people's life, clarified the problems arising in the construction project and took all necessary measures.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un personally pressed the blast button to herald the ground-breaking of the second-stage 10 000 flats construction project in the Hwasong area.

The thunder of blast rocked the construction site and fireworks were shot to be followed by the stormy cheers of participants.

Kim Jong Un waved his hands to the builders, giving warm encouragement to them who turned out as one again with the elated spirit in the grand construction campaign to powerfully demonstrate again the potentials of the state and the creativity of the people.

Kim Jong Un Shovels First Spadeful of Earth at Ground-breaking Ceremony of Kangdong Greenhouse Farm

The construction of a modern greenhouse farm for Pyongyangites started.

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea thoroughly subordinating everything to the people's welfare decided it as a major construction task to build a large greenhouse farm in the Kangdong area at the historic Sixth Plenary Meeting of its Eighth Central Committee, which adopted a development strategy for bringing a new phase of upsurge of socialist construction, and gave this honourable combat duty to the service personnel of the Korean People's Army again.

A ground-breaking ceremony for the greenhouse farm construction took place on February 15.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, was present at the ceremony.

Present at the ceremony were Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, Ri Yong Gil, vice-chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, and officials and working people in Kangdong County.

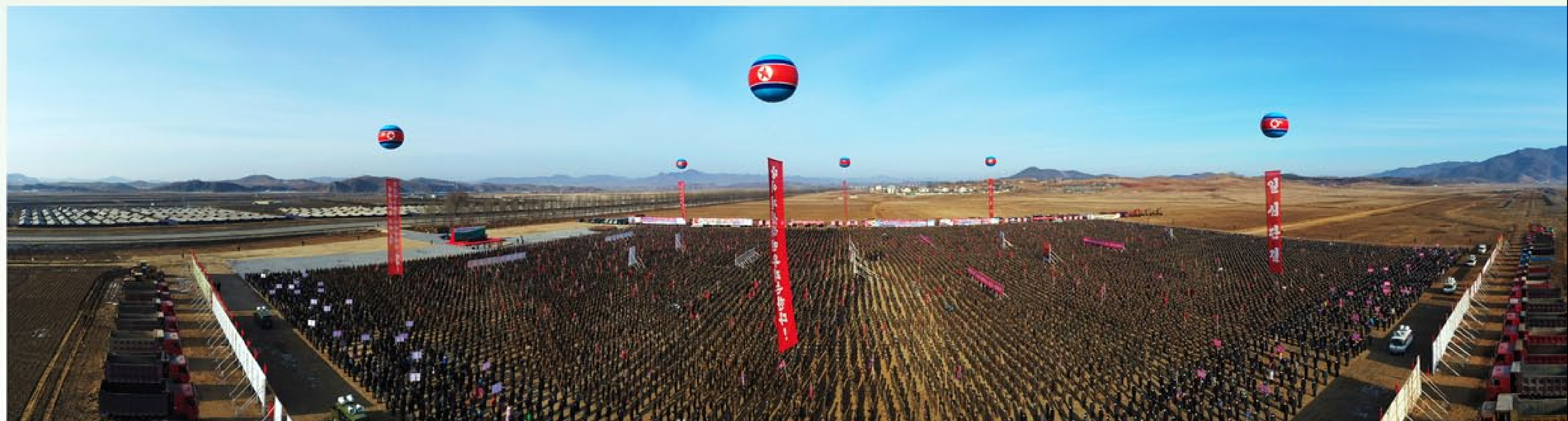
Also on hand were major commanding officers of armed forces organs and soldier-builders.

When the start of the ground-breaking ceremony was declared, the national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

Jo Yong Won made a speech at the ceremony.

When looking round the completed Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm in October last year, the General Secretary said that other greenhouse farms to be built





in the future should be put on a more intelligent, intensive and modern level than the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm and gave precious instructions for the construction of a new greenhouse farm in Pyongyang, the speaker said.

A speech of pledge was made at the ceremony.

Kim Jong Un shovelled the first spadeful of earth in commemoration of the ground-breaking for the construction of the Kangdong Greenhouse Farm.

Following the blast signalling the start of the construction project, colourful fireworks were displayed, foretelling the proud changes in the Kangdong area.

Kim Jong Un shook hands with major commanding officers of the construction units one by one, calling on them to lead their units and subunits to creation and feats and to let all the service personnel loyally and reliably uphold the will of the Party that there should be only advance and creation on the road for promoting the wellbeing of the people, and militantly encouraged them to surely repay the Party's trust by devotedly carrying out the assigned tasks on the honour of their units.

He warmly waved back for a long time to the dependable soldier-builders filled with enthusiasm to perform heroic feats in the van of the struggle for the comprehensive development of Korean-style socialism under the fluttering colours of loyalty and patriotism.









Kim Jong Un Encourages Young Vanguard with His Stirring Speech and Shovels First Spadeful of Earth at Ground-breaking Ceremony for New Street Construction in Sopho Area of Pyongyang



A ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of a new street in the Sopho area of Pyongyang took place on February 25.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

When he appeared at the venue of the ceremony together with his beloved daughter, all the participants broke into cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to the great father who put forward the young people as the vanguard and shock brigade in the struggle for socialist construction and as the promising, young main force taking the lead in ushering in a new era of the country's prosperity and has shown all kinds of love and affection for them, while making a new history of attaching importance to the youth on this land.

Present at the ceremony were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-premier of the Cabinet, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, commanding officers and members of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade, officials of the youth league and young people in the city.

When the ground-breaking ceremony was declared, the national anthem of the DPRK was played solemnly.

Kim Jong Un made a significant speech.


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Expressing his pleasure over the declaration of significant ground-breaking for building another modern street in the presence of young volunteers, which will be recorded as a proud page in the history of the Korean youth movement adorned with bravery and feats, he highly appreciated once again the immortal feats of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade performed in building a monumental edifice dedicated to the motherland by the youth.

He said that the Paektusan hero youth spirit that has prevailed in all campaign theatres in the country comes to be the symbol of indomitable character and fighting spirit of our socialist young vanguard and an integral part of the irresistible might of Juche Korea courageously braving hardships, and clarified our Party's determination to provide a new and big theatre of activities for young people to show once again their patriotic enthusiasm in the course of overall development of socialist construction by further elevating this great spirit.

Expressing belief that the laudable Socialist Patriotic Youth League and Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade would successfully build a new street in the capital city by living up to the call of the times and expectation of the people through their heroic struggle, he ardently appealed to them to wage a brave struggle for the high honour of the Korean youth and the eternal prosperity of our socialist state and for the sake of the capital city of Pyongyang.

At the end of his passionate speech full of great trust and love for the youth, all the participants, deeply moved with high honour and happiness, raised stormy cheers again.

Kim Jong Un gave the flag of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade to its commanding officers.





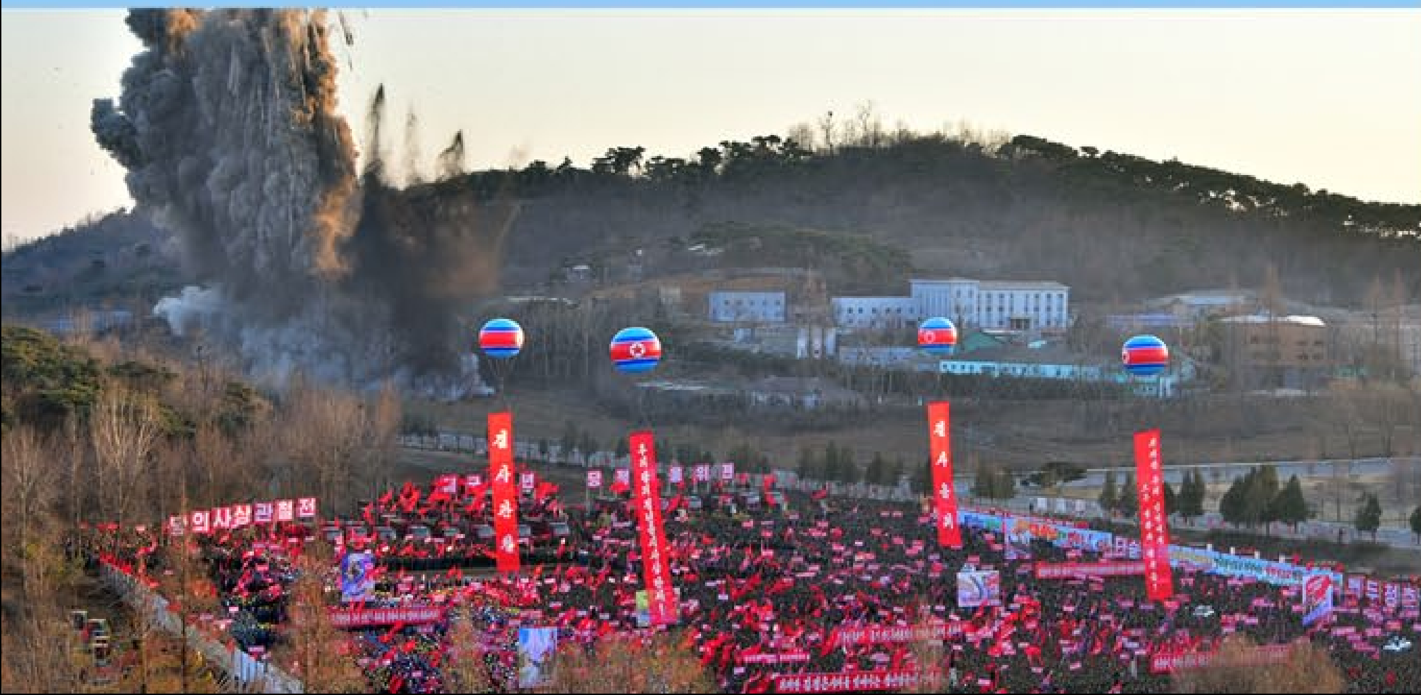
All the young builders made a solemn pledge to report their victory to the fatherly Marshal after successfully building another ideal street for people in Pyongyang, the heart of Juche Korea, through an all-out charge in the spirit and mettle of the Korean youth not knowing impossibility by carrying forward the proud history and tradition of the Korean youth who have answered the Party's call with their devoted service.

After shovelling the first spadeful of earth, together with senior Party and government officials to mark the ground-breaking for the construction of a new street in the Sopho area of Pyongyang, Kim Jong Un personally pressed the detonator button.

Amid the sound of blasting signalling the start of construction, fireworks were displayed in the sky of February to bless the young people who have turned out in the heroic struggle and advance.

Very high is the spirit and stamina of our young people who devote their all to the implementation of the Party's plan, keeping the loyalty to the Party and the revolution as their greatest honour and pride, Kim Jong Un said, adding that the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade, which has built a solid fortress of faith defending our cause with ardent vigour and patriotism, and other young people should become the backbone in the ongoing grand socialist construction.

Expressing expectation and belief that our youth braving any difficulties in response to the Party's call would proudly build another luxurious street, an innovative entity representing a prosperous and powerful country, keeping deep in mind their sacred duty and the call of the times, "For the Victory of Our Cause!" and "For Pyongyang, Our Capital City!", he encouraged the reliable young vanguards.





Kim Jong Un Watches Sports Games in Celebration of Day of Shining Star

There took place sports games between staffs of the Cabinet and the Ministry of National Defence on February 17 in celebration of the Day of the Shining Star (the birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il), the greatest auspicious holiday of the nation.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, watched the sports games.

When the General Secretary appeared in the auditorium, all the players and spectators raised enthusiastic cheers.

Among the spectators were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, secretaries and other senior officials of the WPK Central Committee, members of the Cabinet and officials of ministries and national agencies.

Commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, service personnel and teaching staff and students of military education units also saw the sports games.

The sports games began with a football match between the staffs of the Cabinet and the Ministry of National Defence.

During the interval, model plane operators of the Pyongyang Aviation Club made high-tech flight of different model aircrafts to delight the spectators.

During the football match every player ran with undiminished enthusiasm and competitive spirit for victory and showed fine scenes. Each time there was a thrilling scoring opportunity, the spectators cheered more enthusiastically.

The Ministry of National Defence team defeated the Cabinet team 3-1 in the match.

Then there was a tug of war between staff members of the









Cabinet and the Ministry of National Defence.

In the match, too, the defence ministry team beat the Cabinet's 2-0.

A shout of joy was given again after the game.

All the participants made a firm pledge to make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people with renewed courage and in high spirits, bearing in mind this moment marking the spring holiday of February with great joy in the presence of Kim Jong Un and his beloved daughter, and to dedicate their wisdom and zeal to the struggle for making this year a year of a great turn and change to be specially recorded in the development history of the Republic.







Officials, working people and service personnel pay floral tribute to the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill on the occasion of the Day of the Shining Star

Day of Shining Star Celebrated Grandly as Greatest National Holiday

The Korean people, who have made a big stride towards comprehensive development of socialist construction, celebrated the Day of the Shining Star, the greatest national holiday.

Senior officials of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government and officials of the Party Central Committee, ministries, national agencies and armed forces organs visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on the occasion of the Day of the Shining Star.

An endless stream of people flowed to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme sanctuary of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance, and their statues and portraits of beaming images across the country. Recollecting the noble revolutionary career of the Chairman who embraced his beloved people and took fervent and affectionate care of them, continuously following the road of love for the country and people, they paid highest tribute to them.

The venues of the national art exhibition and provincial, city and county photo shows brimmed with ardent yearning for the Chairman who led the Korean revolution along the road of victory with his superhuman energy and will throughout his life.

There was a joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations in Pyongyang to mark the 81st anniversary of the birth of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Colourful artistic performances were given.

A celebratory performance was given at the Samjiyon Theatre on February 16.

Outdoor performances took place in different parts of the capital city, and officials and members of the women's union held a dance party, enhancing the festive mood.

Artistes in all parts of the country including Jagang, Kangwon and North Hamgyong provinces and Kaesong City staged performances and similar events were held at the capitals of the provinces.

There was a men's football match at Kim Il Sung Stadium.

The Central Zoo, Natural History Museum and other cultural and recreational grounds, which were built thanks to the noble affection of the Party for the people, were filled with happy laughter of people.

Public catering facilities in Pyongyang and other parts of the country entertained people with a variety of special dishes.

Young people and students in Pyongyang held a gala evening at Kim Il Sung Square on the evening of February 16.





Senior Party and government officials visit the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun to pay homage to the great leaders



The State Stamp Bureau of the DPRK issues new stamps







A photo exhibition entitled “For the prosperity of the country and happiness of the people,” national art exhibition and Pyongyang Municipality industrial art exhibition take place on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of the birth of Chairman Kim Jong Il





A joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations takes place to mark the 81st anniversary of the birth of Chairman Kim Jong Il



A performance is given at the Samjiyon Theatre





Snow and ice sculptures in Samjiyon City add festive mood to the February holiday



The 11th culinary skill contest in celebration of the Day of the Shining Star is held

Young people and students hold a gala evening at Kim Il Sung Square





Streets of Pyongyang in festive atmosphere

ICBM Launching Drill Staged







An ICBM launching drill was conducted on the afternoon of February 18.

The Missile General Bureau guided the drill, and involved in it was the First Red Flag Hero Company which has rich launching experience among the units operating ICBMs.

The company is a firing combat sub-unit with the most excellent combat capability among those sub-units wholly responsible for the strategic mission. It performed a proud feat by launching a new-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17 on November 18, 2022.

The drill was suddenly organized without prior notice under an emergency order for standby for firing combat given at dawn of February 18 and a written order by the Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea at 8:00 a.m. that day.

Specified in the written order on launching drill carrying a personal signature of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un were the contents that the First Red Flag Hero Company of the Missile General Bureau shall be mobilized in a drill using ICBM Hwasongpho-15 and, through a sudden launching drill, the reliability of the weapon system be re-confirmed and verified while getting the combat preparedness of the DPRK nuclear force recognized and proving confidence and guarantee for correct operation, reactivity, reliability, effectiveness and combat capability of the components of the state nuclear deterrence.

On receiving combat orders with honour, the First Red Flag Hero Company made a high-angle launch of ICBM Hwasongpho-15 through the maximum range system at Pyongyang International Airport in the afternoon.

The missile travelled up to a maximum altitude of 5 768.5km and flew 989km for 4 015 seconds before accurately hitting the pre-set area in open waters of the East Sea of Korea. The company got an "excellent mark" at the assessment.

The WPK Central Military Commission highly appreciated the actual war capability of the ICBM units which are ready for mobile and mighty counterattack.

It issued an order to all the missile units, to which are assigned strategic tasks for coping with the military circumstances prevailing in the Korean peninsula, to thoroughly maintain their strengthened combat readiness.





Strategic Cruise Missile Launching Drill Conducted

A strategic cruise missile launching drill was staged at dawn of February 23.

Involved in the drill was a relevant sub-unit of a strategic cruise missile unit of the Korean People's Army in the eastern region, and other sub-units conducted firepower training at hardened sites without live firing.

The sub-unit involved in the launching drill fired four "Hwasal-2" strategic cruise missiles in the area of Kim Chaek City, North Hamgyong Province, towards the East Sea of Korea.

The drill reconfirmed the reliability of the weapon system and examined the rapid response posture of strategic cruise missile units that constitute one of major forces of the DPRK nuclear deterrent.

The launching drill successfully achieved its object.

The four strategic cruise missiles precisely hit the pre-set target on the East Sea of Korea after travelling the 2 000km-long elliptical and eight-shaped flight orbits for 10 208s to 10 224s.

The Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea expressed great satisfaction over the results of the launching drill.

Women's Workplace

- Sinuiju Textile Mill -

Women form the majority of the employees of the Sinuiju Textile Mill situated in the capital of North Phyongan Province.

To them, the mill is not merely a workplace buzzing with smooth sounds of machines.

Cultured and hygienic working conditions and environment instil in them delight of labour and ensure greater successes.

A nursery and kindergarten cozily seated in the compound resound with merry singing of their children growing up happily with nothing to envy in the world.

After a day's work, many of the women employees are seen at the Pangjik Health Complex and gymnasium amply furnished with

The Sinuiju Textile Mill produced many labour innovators last year, too.

Nine workers overfulfilled their economic plans for three years ahead of schedule and 31 workers for two years.

Women workers of the mill celebrate 113th anniversary of the March 8 International Women's Day with their labour achievements









cultural and welfare facilities.

What is particularly eye-catching is the hostel set up in 2020.

In June 2018 the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited the mill and learned in detail about the living conditions of the workers. Saying he was told that the hostellers of the mill were so envious of the hostels at the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill and the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Silk Mill provided by the Party, he promised them a hostel as wonderful as those in Pyongyang. Then he personally appointed a site for the hostel and took a measure to send a powerful construction force.

The hostel is a dear home for girl weavers.

On the first floor of the hostel are the rooms for cultural activities and sci-tech learning, a library, a clinic and others.

Along with bedrooms arranged from the second to the seventh floor, a cooking practice room is found on every floor, where the girls learn cooking skills for their after-marriage life. At mealtimes, the girls invite each other to taste the dishes they have made.

In the morning they leave the hostel full of laughter and optimism as well as determination to make fresh innovations, and come back proudly after overfulfilling daily assignments.

Not only hostellers but all other women employees of the mill are helping one another to achieve great labour successes.

Photo: Pang Un Sim
Text: Kim Son Gyong

POMHYANGGI COSMETICS



Pomhyanggi cosmetics are winning great acclaim among those who wish to feel beautiful as ever.

The anti-aging nourishing liquid causes little irritation and has high permeability of nourishing elements into the skin, so it is effective in retarding aging, restoring the aged skin and retaining the elasticity and vigour of skin.

The researchers won a WIPO gold medal and diploma for the anti-aging liquid in 2019.



Open-air Ice Rink
Brimming with Optimism

Total floor space: 6 469m²
Area of skating ground: 1 800m²

Among numerous bases for cultural and leisure activities built along the Taedong River that meanders through Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, is the People's Open-air Ice Rink boasting its unique architectural beauty.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who always showed concern for providing his people with happy and cultured living conditions, gave on-spot guidance to the construction project on three occasions. Under his meticulous care the ice









The most enthusiastic visitors are young people and students



rink was built magnificently and inaugurated in November 2012.

The open-air ice rink that operates for all seasons has an oval-shaped skating ground with an area of 1 800 square metres, skate-lending counter, rooms for waiting and rest, clinic, broadcasting room and others.

People, though they are complete novices in skating, can learn elementary gliding and other skills in a short time with the assistance of the instructors.

The open-air ice rink is always crowded by citizens, young and old, all the year round, and in winter it is bursting with people every day.

According to instructors, the activity of skating involves the exercise of the whole body, and skating regularly is very effective in strengthening the heart, lung and other organs. The sport is especially good for young people to build sound body.

It has been so far visited by millions of people in total.

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Text: Kim Son Gyong



"Snowman-building Is Amusing" (First prize)


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The boy is very diligent and calm. He likes drawing animals from the famous Korean animation, titled, *A Squirrel and a Hedgehog*. He brought another fame to Ponbu Kindergarten widely known across the country for excellent ability.



Jang Kwang Gyong from Ponbu Kindergarten in Sinuiju

Picture Exhibition Showcases Children's Talents

- Glimpse of the 8th Asian children's picture exhibition -

The 8th Asian Children's Art Exhibition took place in Dalian Museum, Dalian, Liaoning Province of China, between July 15 and 22 last year. "Meeting, Dream in Winter and Future" was the theme of the exhibition, and more than 200 pictures from 17 countries and regions in Asia were exhibited. Introduced below are some of the prize-winners from the DPRK and their pictures.



Ryu Ye Un from Undok Kindergarten in Phyongsong


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Ye Un presented the picture drawn with her left hand. She can draw two flower baskets at the same time, with pencils in her both hands. She is very competitive, and is also good at playing the piano and dancing.



"Friendship" (First prize)



Kim Ki Ryong from Ponbu Kindergarten in Sinuiju



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This is the second time for the boy to participate in the exhibition. Since he was four, he used to draw pictures on the walls of his house, whenever he found a pencil. So the walls were re-pasted again and again. His father working at the Sinuiju Chemical Fibre Factory said that his son's aptitude for drawing was cultivated by the kindergarten teachers, although he thought it as a mere pleasure of the boy.



"Exciting Flower-viewing" (Second prize)



"We Are Going to Dreamland" (Second prize)

He has many dreams about future; he wants to be an architect, a *paduk* ace, and even an excellent archer. His parents said that he became self-possessed and cheerful since he learned drawing. He won prizes in the national sketch festival and the contest of kindergarten children with talents. The credit goes to Jong Yong Ae, his kindergarten teacher, they added.



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Ri Ju Gang from Changgwang Kindergarten



Kim Kang Ui from Puksong Kindergarten of Phyongchon District



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He is calm and cool. He is always surrounded with his kindergarteners watching him drawing. Though his parents wanted him to take music lessons, his kindergarten teacher Cha Un Ha found out his giftedness for drawing and developed it. His parents wish his bright future as an excellent painter.



“Whose Is Better?” (Third prize)



“Posing for Photo Altogether” (Third prize)

Kim Yong Bok, kindergarten teacher, used to draw pictures in the recess between classes to arouse the children’s curiosities and develop them. It made the boy have a liking for drawing.

His grandmother said she was worried about the boy’s dislike for drawing in the past, but these days she found difficulty providing him with drawing papers.



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Jang Ryong Song from Oesong Kindergarten of Central District

Four-time World Taekwon-Do Champion

Kim Su Ryon is a People's Athlete who exalted the honour of the DPRK in sports tournaments.

Kim was born the one and only daughter of a worker's family in Pyoksong County, South Hwanghae Province, and she studied dancing at Haeju Art School. In her final year of the middle school course, however, she was attracted to Taekwon-Do, the traditional martial art of Korea.

Everyone tried to dissuade her from Taekwon-Do practising, saying she was too old to take up the new subject, but the girl did not give up.

Kim learned basic techniques of Taekwon-Do at the Haeju Schoolchildren's Hall, and played for the South Hwanghae Provincial Taekwon-Do Team, where she polished her techniques and distinguished herself as a promising player.

She displayed her ability as a heavyweight in the national competitions, and won four gold medals in the 70kg category of the women's individual sparring, team pattern, team sparring and team special techniques at the ninth junior Taekwon-Do world






17th Taekwon-Do world championships (2011)


18th Taekwon-Do world championships (2013)



19th Taekwon-Do world championships (2015)





championships in 2010.

The following year she took the first place in the 75kg category of women's individual sparring of the 17th Taekwon-Do world championships. From then on, she won consecutive victories in her weight category.

At the 18th and 19th Taekwon-Do world championships and 7th and 8th Asian Taekwon-Do championships she fully demonstrated her ability and won a total of 14 gold medals.

During the days she was assiduous in training techniques of high







degrees of difficulty, such as 180-degree spin kick and jump and double punches, which she made her special techniques.

She overpowered all the rivals in the women's individual sparring of her weight category at the 20th Taekwon-Do world championships and won a gold medal, thus becoming a four-time world champion.

She was chosen as the top ten Taekwon-Do players of the DPRK on four occasions until 2017.

Since 2021 she has worked as a researcher at the Taekwon-Do science institute under the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee.

Photo: An Chol Ryong
Text: Kim Son Gyong

Rimyongsu Falls



The Rimyongsu Falls cascades down over the edge of a cliff to the right of the Rimyongsu Valley, which was created through basalt erosion in the wake of a volcanic eruption on Mt Paektu a million years ago. It is in nine principal parts with myriads of splashes in between, making it look like a compound of cascades.

The waterfall, which looks like a roll of silk, dashes on rocks, sending up silvery sprays of pearl-like water drops, then splits into several courses and again form one stream, before falling into the artificial lake of the Rimyongsu Barrage.

In the dead of winter it is half frozen and half tumbling, a veil of gauzy mist caused by underground water hovering nearby and frostwork presenting a scene of superb beauty.





Jagged rocks protruding from the splashes, crystal-clear water at the base of the waterfall and primordial forests afford wonderful views. Seasonal variation of its scenes is great, too.



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